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SECRETORY SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND
SECRETION OF HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT
PROTEINS

LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN
REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE OF BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 5, 2003

Sir:

Submitted herewith are seven (7) sheet(s) of formal drawing(s) which comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The drawing(s) should be made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b) and request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office accept the accompanying black and white photograph(s) as official drawings in the present application. In accordance with the U.S.P.T.O. waiver of May 1, 1998 (1211 O.G. 34), only one (1) copy of each photograph is attached hereto.

In accordance with the U.S.P.T.O. waiver of August 4, 1998 (1213 O.G. 108), no petition fee is necessary.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee

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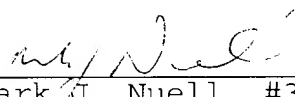
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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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